



MARTINI, REMARKABLE MOM



By Jolene Regan



When Martini came to us she was expecting kittens, and we never dreamed that she would become our shelter's feline hero. A beautiful, sweet Calico, Martini was among a group of cats and kittens that came to us from another shelter who were not able to continue her care. We found a dedicated foster to look after her until she gave birth to 5 kittens.

Martini's natural instincts took over as she provided comfort, warmth and nourishment to her little ones in need. When her kittens were

five weeks old, two orphaned kittens were brought in to Burlington Humane. Because they were so small, we started looking for a foster that would be able to bottle-feed them. On a hunch, we presented the two kittens to Martini. She enthusiastically accepted them even though they were a few weeks younger than her own.

When Martini's kittens were old enough to be adopted, we brought the whole group to the shelter and the five original kittens were very quickly adopted.

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*Happy Holidays from the Board
and Staff at Burlington Humane.*

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President's Message

By Andrew Mack



This is the time of year that we often reflect on the past and make future plans. 2024 marks the 50th Anniversary of Burlington Humane and we can definitely be proud of everything we have accomplished in those years. Our goal 50 years ago was to save as many dogs from animal control as possible. Provincial laws at that time allowed (or forced) municipal shelters to give or sell certain breeds to research facilities. This law changed many years ago, and as dog licencing became the law, dogs were more often to be returned to their owners. Over the years, stray cats became the

larger concern, and many were euthanized. With organizations like Burlington Humane supporting no-kill mandates, municipal shelters have been forced to change their practices, reduce euthanasias, and find homes for the unwanted animals.

Supporters and volunteers have been integral to this change, and have provided Burlington Humane's stray and abandoned animals a bright future. Whether it is through your time spent volunteering or the generosity of your

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She's there for you.
Be there for her!

Take Pet First Aid.
Next course is
January 14, 2024
Here at
Burlington Humane.



donations, each of you help us achieve our goal of providing the best care for our animals. That cute kitten or puppy that everyone falls in love with, or that “senior” or special-needs cat or dog, we strive to find each a new forever home.

The New Year will also be bringing some much-needed changes to our shelter, and some exciting events for our supporters. If you use social media, I encourage everyone to download one of the social platforms to keep up-to-date on the animals, events, and items of interest at the shelter. If not, we will try to keep you better updated through newsletters.

Thank you all for your kindness and unwavering dedication throughout the years. In this newsletter, there is information on many ways volunteers bring happiness to both the community and the animals in need. Together, we can continue to contribute to our goal of making (and keeping) Burlington a more humane city for the animals. Our job is never-ending.

Wishing you all a happy and safe holiday season!

Executive Director’s Message

By Doug Shirton



The past year we have transformed many stray and abandoned animals into healthy happy pets.

We have undertaken to expand our diverse programs to pet owners in Burlington and surrounding communities. We provide Pet First Aid Courses, Kids Club programs and Pet Therapy. Our two second hand stores, the Loft and the Attic, offer the best prices in Burlington! With our special events and fundraising initiatives, we enhance the overall quality of life for our animals and the residents of our city.

I am deeply grateful to each staff member, whose tireless efforts and expertise shape the daily operation of Burlington Humane, and contribute to the health and well-being of the animals in our care.

Our volunteers are the backbone of BHS! Whether it is a comforting word to a scared animal, an extra moment of play, or the

countless behind-the-scene tasks that often go unnoticed, your compassion is inspiring. As we work together, we are proud of the many animals who have received health care, love and found new forever homes. Every time one leaves BHS to it’s new home, a bell rings lightly and everyone at the shelter gathers around to give that lucky animal a send-off, and good wishes for both the adopters and animal as they leave. It is a sad/happy time for all of us!

A Special Thanks to Our Sponsors



CONGRATULATIONS!

By Jolene Regan



Patricia Howard

This year four volunteers celebrated incredible milestones in their journey through their years of service.

Patricia Howard and Jolene Regan have reached 30 years and Johanne Ambis and Richard Howard reached 25 years! They have seen many changes, weathered challenges, celebrated triumphs and most importantly, made a lasting difference in the lives of the cats and dogs at Burlington Humane.



Jolene Regan

Our success is a testament to their dedication and a shining example to each and every person committed

to Burlington Humane. We hope that they will inspire others to continue to volunteer or join our volunteer base. Thank you Patricia, Jolene, Johanne and Richard for your continued support, dedication and belief in our mission! Here's to many more years of making a positive impact together!

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Martini continued to nurse the two orphaned kittens and everyone at the shelter celebrated the bond that Martini had made with them. The kittens were just at that age where they were learning all of their “manners” and often played with MOM, jumping on her, teasing her and acting like kittens should. Mom just put up with their shenanigans and occasionally moved away from them trying to get some “mom time”! It didn't last long and the kittens were back wanting to nurse. It was so sweet to witness, and through her care and devotion, the last two kittens were old enough to be adopted – together!

Seven kittens found their forever homes due to the selfless and boundless love of Martini. Martini, a very sweet young cat, is just now ready to get spayed and she will be ready to find her own forever home.



Richard Howard



Johanne Ambis

The Loft and The Attic

Burlington Humane's second hand stores.

Purchase a wide variety of gently used Christmas decorations, table centre pieces, candles, crockery and clothing ; everything you need to get ready for the season.

The Attic
479 John Street

The Loft (At BHS)
740 Griffith Court

There's no Place like Home for the Holidays

Meet some of our Residents who have been Waiting for their Forever Homes for over a Year!!



Husky

- 11 year old male
- Is Diabetic
- Waiting 13 months



Opal

- 6 year old female
- Is FIV+
- Waiting 13 months



Cher

- 2 year old female
- Needs socializing
- Waiting 13 months



Digs

- 9 year old female
- Has Irritable Bowel Disease
- Waiting 25 months



Precious

- 9 year old male
- Diabetic
- Needs daily injections
- Waiting 17 months



Spinelli

- 4 year old male
- Spicy personality
- Waiting 13 months

Wish List

- Durable Dog and Cat Toys*
- Cat Crates/Carriers*
- Cardboard Scratch Pads for Cats*
- Facial Tissues*
- Healthy Cat and Dog Treats*
- 1/4 Measuring cups*
- Canadian Tire Money*
- 8.5 x 11 Printer Paper*
- Canada & U.S. Stamps*
- Gift Certificates from Pet Food or Grocery Stores*
- Royal Canin Kitten/Cat and Puppy/Dog Food*

We are a Royal Canin sponsored shelter and ideally like to feed all of our animals Royal Canin food. However, from time to time we get 'picky' cats and therefore like to have other options in case, such as: Purina Kitten Chow, PVD Kitten (canned), Hills Science Diet Pate, Friskies, Whiskas & Snappy Tom.

5 HOLIDAY PLANTS TO KEEP AWAY FROM YOUR PETS

-  1. PINE NEEDLES
-  2. MISTLETOE
-  3. AMARYLLIS
-  4. HOLLY
-  5. POINTSETTIA

Let There Be More Cats!

By Sylvia Patrizio

Since 1984, dedicated BHS volunteers and their therapy dogs have paraded through the decades, visiting retirement and nursing homes in Burlington, spreading joy to generations of seniors.

The therapeutic benefits of dog interactions are well-documented and increasingly popular. Underrepresented and less widespread, cats also make wonderful therapy companions.

BHS introduced therapy cats into its program in 2018. By 2020, there were eight cats - all different, a cat for every taste, all loving and sociable.

In the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic, something amazing happened: for the first time in the history of the BHS Pet Therapy Program, visits by therapy cats outnumbered visits by therapy dogs!

Going forward, BHS continues this upward trend, inviting owners and their four-legged companions to join the pet therapy program. The satisfaction is worth the effort. Let there be more therapy dogs, but also, let there be more therapy cats!



Cats are often stereotyped as independent and demure, interacting on their own terms - a misrepresented stereotype! Like their canine counterpart, not all cats are created equal. Sociable cats are known to give attention, cuddles and companionship to a wide array of humans. Cats are, in fact, very intuitive to human body language and understand when people need extra love. They have a calming demeanor, a reassuring “purr” of contentment, which is ideal for relaxation and healing. They provide an emotional comfort that is evident on the faces of seniors whom they visit.

Get your **Christmas Baskets**

Now being sold at BHS and the Loft Store; prices starting at \$7 and up. Avoid disappointment by shopping early!





Join us for our

Burlington Humane Kids Club

Thursdays, 7pm–8pm

10 Week Sessions
For 6–12 year old animal enthusiasts.

For more information, visit our website at:

www.BurlingtonHumane.ca



In Memory Donations - October 2022 to October 2023



THANK YOU!

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Thank you everyone for all of your wonderful support! With your generosity we can continue to provide aid and care to homeless and abandoned animals. Knowing that our community cares is a true blessing. We hope to continue to make you all proud!

In Memory of People

Allie
 Andrea Dunn
 Anna Aniol
 Anne Leigh Wallace
 Barbara Ann Byers
 Beverley Ling
 Bill J. Maynard
 Bill Steele
 Bob Trodd
 Brenda Dale Robertson
 Brenda Joan Reader
 Brenda Newman
 Bruce Buckingham
 Bud Howard
 Caitlyn Bishop
 Cheryl Rintoul
 Chris Johnson
 Christopher Lotko
 Clarence Craig
 Cyril Whaley
 Daniella Gramata
 David
 David Ian Campbell
 Dennis Langford
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 Doris Christina Lunn
 Dorothy Uddenberg
 Douglas Robinson
 Dr. Cheryl Loreen Rintoul
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 Mary Bedard
 Mary Berry
 Mary Plumb
 Mary 'Toots' Knight
 Matthew Rose
 Michelle Pilon
 Mother
 Mrs. Christine Carpenter
 Mrs. Schien
 Muriel Pearce
 Naomi Shymko
 Norm & Dan Proulx
 Oscar Gibson
 Oscar Matthews
 Our beloved dear Mother
 Pauline Ann Wallace
 Pearl Lynn Hall
 Penny Edwards
 Pete
 Pete Munslow
 Peter Deyugin
 Presley
 Robert Edward "Ted" Anstice
 Robert Hawkins
 Robert Trodd
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 Sean Lett
 Shalini
 Sharon Dyson Campbell
 Shirley Sutton
 Signy Austen
 Stephen Richard Mine
 Sylvia Cox
 Ted Broadbent
 Turdy Rawlings
 Uncle Pork

Wendy McIntosh
 William McCauley

In Memory of Dogs

Abby
 Arthur
 Bailey
 Baxter
 Beamish
 Bella
 Berkley
 Bronson
 Brooke Richard
 Bruce
 Brutus
 Casey
 Champ
 Charles Ingalls Daley
 Charlie
 Chloe O'Neil
 CJ Gerrard
 Cooper
 Crosby
 Daisy
 Dave
 Davy
 Diaz
 Dobby
 Donovan
 Dougie
 Dutch
 Einstein
 Forest
 Forrest
 Harlee
 Havoc
 Henry
 Indy
 Jackson

Jake
 Jerry S. Makorov
 Kelly
 Kenny & Gideon
 Koda
 Landon
 Lexie
 Lilly
 Linus
 Lucy
 Luna
 Luthe
 Maggie
 Max
 Miko
 Mojo
 Molly
 Montye
 Norman
 Oakley
 Odie Dunn
 Peanut "Love Bug"
 Paget
 Phoebe
 Piper
 Princess
 Riley
 Rook
 Rosco
 Rosie



We sincerely appreciate the wonderful support that we receive from the community. Thank you so much for all your generosity. While every effort is made to ensure accuracy, we apologize if omissions or errors have occurred.

In Memory of Cats

Abby	Lou Lou
Blackie	Lucy
Buttercup	Mando
Casey - In loving memory of the precious stray we rescued.	Mandy
Cinders & Willow	Mini Ng
Cora	Moki
Craig Lomas	Molly
Cruiser and Marble	Morris Rourery
Dot	Mr. Hook & Crew
Dumas	Ollie & Maisie
Dustin	Oreo
Echo	Ozzy and Sammy
Ella Zahavich	Pepper
Emma & Maple	Phantom
Fawzie, Mo, Pooka, Guido,	Pleakley
Olivia	Ponce
Finiam	Puddy
Finn and Hunter	Pumpkin
Foxy	Rachel
Gail Falkner	Rocky & Boo Bear
Karl	Smokey, Casper and Cleo
Kyia	Stuart Roy
Lily	Whiskey, Daquiri, Bacardi,
Link Ehsan	Annisette
Lola Bear Berner	Winnie

Consider Ongoing Support



Monthly donors are very important to Burlington Humane. They provide an ongoing stable source of income for budgeting. These funds help provide a safe

place for stray and abandoned animals of Burlington, while also providing top quality medical attention and shelter care. There are many ways to donate. Visit our website for more information.

You can also make a legacy bequest to Burlington Humane in your Will. This will ensure that your support lasts long into the future.

If you would like more information on becoming a monthly donor through automatic bank withdrawals or leaving a legacy bequest in your Will, please contact BHS at (905) 637-7325.

Stocking Stuffer Ideas

Pet Gift Baskets, Catnip Mice, In Memory or In Honour donations. Or unusual items from our second hand shops, the Loft and the Attic.

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